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COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

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TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Night flying with jet fighters has recently been intensified at Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield. The jet planes took off in groups of two, flew four abreast with their navigation lights on, and landed again after about eight minutes. There was about one wing span between each plane.* Three searchlights were in operation during the flights. One of them was located at Zerbst airfield, another one at Koethen (M 52/D 95) field, and the third about 15 km south of Zerbst. The three searchlights, which indicated the direction of flight, appeared to have excellent coordination. The planes landed about 150 meters apart, the runway being illuminated by the searchlight.

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[REDACTED] Comment. Night flying has been observed on almost all airfields occupied by fighter units. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Night flying with jet aircraft was first observed in Zerbst in mid-May 1950. [REDACTED] The training seems to be well advanced. Night formation flights with jet aircraft have been reported only from Brandenburg-Briest airfield. [REDACTED] Two fighter regiments which are partially equipped with jet aircraft are believed to be stationed in Zerbst.

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